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SUBJ: EX-UNIVERSITY RECTOR GIVEN ASYLUM IN MEXICO

1. THE EX-RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES (UBA), RODOLFO PUIGGROS, HAS REQUESTED ASYLUM IN MEXICO. AFTERNOON PRESS OF SEPT 24 CARRIES STORY STATING THAT PUIGGROS AND HIS WIFE SPENT THE NIGHT IN THE MEXICAN EMBASSY HERE AFTER REQUESTING ASYLUM. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR ISSUED STATEMENT TO PRESS SAYING THAT HE HAD, ON INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, GRANTED ASYLUM AND GUARANTEE OF SAFE CONDUCT.

2. PUIGGROS' DAUGHTER ADRIANA, THE FORMER DEAN OF THE PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS SCHOOL OF UBA, WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY LAST WEEK FOR MEXICO WITH HER FAMILY.

3. MEXICO AMBASSADOR DELGADO MARTINEZ INFORMED THE GOA IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S DECISION. JUSTICE MINISTER BENITEZ, ACTING AS FONMIN IN VIRGNES' ABSENCE, GAVE THE GOA REPLY WHICH STATED THAT IT DOES NOT CONSIDER THE NORMAL CONDITIONS FOR ASYLUM TO HAVE BEEN MET IN THIS CASE. IT FURTHER STATED THAT BOTH PUIGGROS AND HIS WIFE ENJOY FULL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USE OF THEIR CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THAT THERE ARE NO CHARGES

AGAINST THEM AND THEREFORE THE GOA DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY ASYLUM WAS GRANTED. THE STATEMENT ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR WISHED TO INITIATE THE PROPER PROCEDURES (I.E., FOR SAFE CONDUCT), OFFICIALS OF THE GOA WOULD COOPERATE FULLY.

4. COMMENT: WHILE PUIGGROS HAD RECEIVED THREATENING PHONE CALLS AND DOUBTLESS LEGITIMATELY FEARED ASSASSINATION BY RIGHT WING TERROSITS (AS ANY PROMINENT LEFTIST MIGHT BE IN ARGENTINA TODAY), HIS DECISION TO TAKE ASYLUM WAS CLEARLY PROMPTED BY A DESIRE TO EMBARRASS THE GOA. HE COULD HAVE DEPARTED ARGENTINA AT ANY TIME HE WISHED WITHOUT TAKING ASYLUM. DESPITE ITS EMBARRASSMENT AND CLAIM THAT PUIGGROS DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR ASYLUM, THE GOA WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY GRANT HIM SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF THE COUNTRY.  
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